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1. AS FORESEEN IN TZOUNIS CONVERSATION WITH DCM STEARNS (REFTEL), GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER JANUARY 23 TO REGISTER GREEK CONCERN OVER RECENT TURKISH STATEMENTS ON THE AEGEAN AND OVER THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. ALEXANDRAKIS COMPLAINED IN PARTICULAR ABOUT ESENBEL'S HARD-LINE INTERVIEW IN THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN AND OVER DENKTASH'S RIGID STANCE ON NICOSIA AIRPORT. STABLER AGREED ESENBEL INTERVIEW HAD NOT BEEN HELPFUL. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY STABLER SAID WE DID NOT KNOW WHY ESENBEL HAD CHOSEN TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT. STABLER CONCEDED THAT ESENBEL'S STANCE DID NOT APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED IN BRUSSELS. STABLER SAID SECRETARY WAS FOLLOWING MATTER CLOSELY AND WAS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO URGE PROGRESS IN NICOSIA TALKS. IN RESPONSE TO AMBAS-
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SADOR'S QUESTION REGARDING US VIEWS ON GUARANTEES, STABLER

SAID WE HAD NOT YET DEVELOPED ANY POSITION. FULL MEMCON
ON OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BEING POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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